

Searching for the Epitaph.
"My dear," said Mrs. Spoonendyke, glancing up from the letter she was writing, and pressing the nib of the pen on her thumb nail to see why it didn't work any better. "Say, my dear, do you know where he is that text? 'For the unbelieving husband is sanctified in the wife?'"

"In Exodus, isn't it?" replied Mrs. Spoonendyke. "It sounds like Exodus. Where's the Bible?"

"I was looking for it to-day," returned Mrs. Spoonendyke, getting up and preparing for another search. "I don't think it is in Exodus, because it sounds more like Paul. I think some one must have stolen the Bible, for I haven't seen it since we came from the country."

"That's kind of curious," soliloquized Mrs. Spoonendyke, arousing himself to assist in the investigation. "I don't know who would want to steal a Bible. Don't you remember where you put it? Think it's in here?" and Mrs. Spoonendyke opened the box containing his wife's new hat, and then made a lunge for the fancy coat which she had hung over the door.

"You had it last, what did you do with it?"

"I wouldn't be apt to get it there, would it?" suggested Mrs. Spoonendyke, trying to divert her husband's attention by rattling the rases on the bureau.

"It's the orthodox Bible, it's liable to penetrate anywhere and everywhere," returned Mrs. Spoonendyke, abandoning the coat and making a dive for the button bag. "Strikes me that Bible is kept pretty quiet for the Word," he remarked as he tipped the buttons out on the floor, and darted across the room to try the bureau drawers. "Be in a hurry to find a letter should happen to drop from a sister for family worship. Have to tell him on his recollection or start a new history of his own." Mrs. Spoonendyke pulled the shams of the bed and then got down on his hands and knees to look under it. "I'll bet a hat it's where I said it was."

"Where's that, dear?" asked Mrs. Spoonendyke, supposing he had found it.

"In Exodus," snorted Mrs. Spoonendyke, wiping the ornaments of the mantel piece and looking behind the clock. "Can't you remember what I say from one moment to another? If you had any memory, with your habits of classification, you'd only need the coat of arms of all nations and a little more incoherence to make a first rate dictionary! I don't know, though," continued Mrs. Spoonendyke, ruminating on this proposition, while he turned the things out of the wardrobe. "I don't know but what you would have to get a new binding and have your sides marbled. You don't suppose that Bible got lonely and went off into the country on its own hook, do you?"

"I'm sure I don't know," murmured Mrs. Spoonendyke. "I can't imagine it would do a thing like that. I think it's only mislaid. Well, find it. I don't know, though," replied Mrs. Spoonendyke, without meaning the slightest irreverence. "There may be only one small fault at that, but I'll bet we go to bed. Unless that Bible's got to get itself revised there'll be no sleep in the Spoonendyke household until we lay our hands lovingly on that dear old family Bible! Maybe it's hid under a bushel!" and he capped the waste paper basket and scattered the contents over the room.

"I don't know but what it is in Exodus," said Mrs. Spoonendyke, with her finger in her mouth. "Now I come to think it over I'm sure it is in Exodus, so you needn't look for it any more."

"I know it is in Exodus," said Mrs. Spoonendyke, kicking his waste paper basket across the floor and turning the contents over with the toe of his boot. "But I'm going to find out which end of Exodus it is in before I go to business again! How do you suppose any one to know when we were married or when the baby was born or when I died if we don't find that Bible? Think I'm going to search it through! I don't know, though," replied Mrs. Spoonendyke, rising in wrath as the book seemed to evade his search. "What's the matter with the pious injunctions of my youth? How'm I going to be able to tell Solomon's wives from the rest of his family unless I have the book before me? Where's my Macabees and my Zacheus? Where are the friends of my boyhood?" and Mrs. Spoonendyke straightened up in the middle of the room and glared at his wife as though she had inflicted on him a mortal injury.

"They're read some time," replied Mrs. Spoonendyke, who always took everything literally. "Anyway, you don't care about them to-night."

"And my Abraham begot Isaac, and Isaac begot Jacob, and Jacob begot Judah and his brethren! Where are they? Suppose some fellow asks me to-morrow who Jacob's brethren were, what am I to say? What're ye standing there for, looking like a hole in the fence for? Think that helps you any?"

"Say, dear," commenced Mrs. Spoonendyke. "Don't you remember the night you and Mr. Spoonendyke were in a dispute as to whether the prodigal son was thrown into the pit, or was the one who ate Peter out for hiding his talents in a napkin? I haven't seen the Bible since then. You had it out, and when you got through you put it in your silk hat, and here it is now!" and Mrs. Spoonendyke held up the missing volume, her face wreathed in smiles of delight that things had not been any worse.

"Found it, didn't you?" growled Mrs. Spoonendyke, snatching the book out of her hands. "Another time, when I get through with you, you'll see what I do with it. Now, let's read that measly text you're so anxious about."

And Mrs. Spoonendyke pored through Exodus and then laid down the book in disgust. "There's no such thing in the Bible," he said. "I knew there wasn't all the time, but I wanted to prove it to you."

"Let me look," suggested Mrs. Spoonendyke, and, turning to 1 Corinthians, viii, she found and read it to him. "I had it like it was in some of Paul's writings," she remarked as she shut the book and put it away.

"That's what you always get!" roared Mrs. Spoonendyke, enraged by his defeat. "If you should ever run short of ideas you'd be a comparatively smart woman!"

"Say, my dear, I've got a proposition to put a spigot in your dot-gasted mind and start a public school with you, unless I change my mind and conclude to open a branch college for the preparation of married women for the lunatic asylum!" and immediately pleased with this business outlook Mrs. Spoonendyke dropped his clothes in the middle of the floor for his wife to pick up and tumbled into bed.

"I don't care," murmured Mrs. Spoonendyke, as she took down her back hair and screwed herself around to see if it reached to her waist. "I don't care. He can poke fun at me all he likes, and he can meet everything in the house, but I know that Mrs. Spoonendyke wears a switch, and she can deny it all she wants to, she can't deceive me, and with this consolatory reflection Mrs. Spoonendyke popped into bed, and after thinking for awhile got up and puttered around in the dark, putting the room in order in case anything should happen to her or her husband in the night.

"How, now," said a mother to her little boy, "take this good medicine. It's sweet as sugar." "Mamma, I love little brother," the boy replied, "give it to him." —Arkansas Traveler.

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